



# JACK DOYLE

## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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### **DOYLE SUPPORTS INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF COUNTY FINANCES**

*Doyle Invites Scrutiny by Independent Commission of Financial Experts*

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today supported the concept of creating an independent commission to examine County finances, calling it a “public confidence building measure.”

“An independent commission of financial experts will verify what we have been saying all along about the state of County finances,” said Doyle. “Frankly, I think it will put to rest the voices of confusion and disbelief on the other side of the aisle. I am hopeful that it will focus their attention on the financial crisis at hand rather than politics.”

Doyle added that his administration has gone to great lengths to be open about the budget numbers, pointing out that the factors responsible for the current crisis were revealed in public documents released by the County over a year ago. He cited the FY 2002 budget, released in October 2001, as well as the County audits and key indicator reports that showed sharply rising costs and a downturn in sales tax revenue. In addition, Doyle noted, he held a public press conference in February of this year to discuss his concerns about growing fiscal pressures and announce a delay in some capital spending.

Doyle stated that it was vital that any independent commission looking into County finances would have to be made up of a truly non-partisan group of experts, saying he would support efforts that “focused on fact-finding rather than ax-grinding.”

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